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## SRCAF NOTES ~ December, 2002

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**The Sacramento River  
Conservation Area Board  
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### Project Activities and Updates

- ❖ **Hamilton City** ~ The Hamilton City Workgroup met on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Work is underway by Glenn County to construct the backup levee. This critical step in protecting Hamilton City was brought about through efforts by Glenn County, The Nature Conservancy, the State Reclamation Board, and Department of Water Resources. They need about two weeks of dry weather to complete the work. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun a Feasibility Study to evaluate flood damage reduction alternatives and identify ecosystem restoration concerns and opportunities in the Hamilton City area. The study will culminate in completion of an integrated feasibility report and EIS/EIR documenting the study's findings. The report will be submitted to Congress in 2004 for consideration for Federal authorization to implement the project. A public scoping workshop has been set for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., at the Hamilton City High School to gather local input into the process. Several other meetings will be scheduled as the study moves forward.

There have also been preliminary discussions about the possibility of establishing some type of "Interpretive Center" along the River near Hamilton City. There may be funding available to determine the feasibility and scope of this type of endeavor.

- ❖ **Tisdale Boat Launching Facility** ~ Sutter County has received approval for a \$960,000 grant from the Department of Boating and Waterways to construct a new boat launching ramp upstream from the existing facility.
- ❖ **Public Use and Recreation Strategy** ~ A second public meeting to receive opinions and ideas regarding public access uses on the Sacramento River between Red Bluff and Colusa was held on November 6<sup>th</sup>. EDAW, the consultant contracted by The Nature Conservancy through CALFED funding, has been conducting the study that includes assessing existing public recreation access uses and looking at future needs and opportunities on lands along the Sacramento River. The SRCA Forum has helped to facilitate the public meetings. The study is scheduled for completion by the end of 2002.



### ❖ **The Landowner Assurances**

**Committee** (LAC) continues in its efforts to develop a Good Neighbor Policy (GNP). At the November 6<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> meetings, Chris Beale and Renee Hawkins, CALFED, discussed phase I of a presentation dealing with "Incidental Take Authorization" under existing state and federal laws. Representatives from the California Department of Fish & Game and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service worked with Chris and Renee to develop this presentation. The purpose is to provide information on the available state and federal programs that are consistent with existing laws, the SRCAF Handbook, and how those programs relate to the GNP. There will continue to be more in-depth discussion at the LAC of the different programs to determine what approach, or combination of approaches, the group is most interested in. Even though the presentation is still in its preliminary phase, it was also presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at the December meeting for informational purposes and

input from the group. The TAC agreed that each of the options needed to be explored further and more information was needed on the actual implementation process.

❖ **The annual meeting of the Advisory Council** was held on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Chico to receive the Annual Report of the Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum. Tim Ramirez, The Resources Agency, also reported on the new state law that will go into effect on January 1 and how it will impact the existing CALFED structure.

❖ **CALFED Science Conference** \*  
Sacramento Convention Center \* January 14-16, 2003.



***Happy Holidays Everyone!!!***

### ❖ **Future SRCAF Board and Committee meetings**

~The next **Technical Advisory Committee** meeting will be January 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. at the Willows City Hall.

~The **Landowner Assurances Committee** will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m., at the Colusa Fair Board Office, Colusa.

~The next **SRCAF Board** meeting will be on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m., Monday Afternoon Club, Willows.